REQUEST OF DANIEL ELLSBERG

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DANIEL ELLSBERG - VICTIM

(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -

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ReLArep of dated 10/18/74 captioned "Daniel Ellsberg; Electronic Surveillance."

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a memorandum dated 10/29/74 received from the Special Prosecution Force requesting additional investigation in this matter.

Los Angeles will note that investigation relating to the alleged microphone secreted in the apartment formerly occupied by Daniel Ellsberg at Bunker Hill Towers, Los Angeles, is no longer being handled in the McLek case, Bureau file 65-74060.

Investigation requested in the enclosed memorandum is to be conducted promptly. Inasmuch as the Special Prosecution Force requests that reports of this investigation also be provided the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, five copies of future reports are to be submitted to FBIHQ.

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DANIEL ELLSBERG

September 16, 1974

BY COURIER SERVICE

Assistant U. S. Attorney Eric Nobles, Los Angeles, California, advised the Los Angeles FBI Office on September 5, 1974, that he had been contacted by of Channel 7 Eye Witness News the previous week. He stated that was an old friend of his and had been the

told Nobles that, while in attendance at a recent cocktail party, he was engaged in a conversation by a man described by as a "free lance sound man," name not given. This "sound man" told that in the middle of July, 1973, he was changing a light bulb in Apartment 1505 of the Bunker Hill Towers in Los Angeles, and found what "he knew to be a listening device." The "sound man" stated that this apartment had previously been occupied by members of the Daniel Ellsberg defense team.

Nobles advised that was an extremely reliable individual and would be amenable to any contact by a Government official in this matter. Nobles stated he has known many years and found him to be extremely reliable.

According to information available at the Los Angeles FBI Office, the Daniel Ellsberg defense team had rented ten unfurnished apartments in the Bunker Hill Towers and had a request for an additional four apartments. However, the numbers of the apartments occupied by Ellsberg and his defense team are not known.

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TO: SAC, Los Angeles (105-27952)

FROM: Director, FBI (65-74060)

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ReLAairtel dated 9/6/74 captioned "MCLEK."

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a memorandum dated 9/30/74 received from the Special Prosecution Force.

Investigation requested by the Special Prosecutor is to be handled on an expeditious basis. Results are to be provided the Bureau in report form, four copies to the Bureau and none to the USA.

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Reference is made to the memorandum of the Special Prosecution Force dated September 30, 1974, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the information of the Special Prosecution Force are two copies of a report dated October 18, 1974, received from the Los Angeles, California, FBI Office.

This will confirm the conversation between Frank Martin. Special Prosecution Force, and Special Agent of this Bureau on October 24, 1974, at which time the results of investigation conducted by our Los Angeles FBI Office were furnished to Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin was also informed that the current occupant of Apartment 1505, Bunker Hill Towers, Los Angeles, is

Mr. Martin advised that contact with relative to this investigation should be held in abeyance pending further advice from the Special Prosecution Force. Accordingly, no further action concerning this matter is contemplated by the FBI at this time.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Los Angeles feels that this matter cannot be resolved until contact is made with in an attempt to view the electrical outlet described by In line with this, it is recommended that authority be granted to interview

Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 10/11/74

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Report of:

Date: . 10/18/74

Field Office File #: 105-27952

Title:

DANIEL ELLSBERG

Office: Los Angeles, California

Bureau File #:

65-74060

Character:

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

Synopsis:

Califadvised

that in the latter part of July 1973, he was employed as a <u>sound man for Warner Brothers Studio</u> and they were filming some scenes for the movie "The Terminal Man" in an apartment at the Bunker Hill Towers in Los Angeles. On the first day he discovered a duplex wall outlet in the bedroom, which had a common wall with the living room. He found the upper outlet did not work, but the bottom outlet was operative. He thought it strange at the time because he stated these outlets are connected in parallel and when one is functioning the other should function, conversely when one is inoperative, the other is inoperative. next day he heard that the previous occupant of this apartment was DANIEL ELLSBERG. Upon hearing this his suspicions were aroused and he returned to the above electrical outlet, removed the face plate, and found a very strange looking outlet. He did not take the outlet apart, but returned it to the wall. He suspected that the upper portion of the outlet contained a hidden microphone. He did not see a microphone. The records of the Bunker Hill Towers reflected that DANIEL ELLSBERG occupied Apartment 1505 from 12/1/72 to 6/19/73. These records reflected that this apartment was rented to Warner Brothers from 7/21/73 to 7/31/73.

Bunker Hill Towers, was shown a drawing of the electrical outlet which was furnished by He stated that this type of outlet was not in use at the Bunker Hill Towers and added he had never seen an outlet like it.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ERIC NOBLES,
Los Angeles advised on Sentember 5, 1974, that he had been
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last week. He stated that was an old friend of his
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in conversation by a man described by as a "free
lance sound man", name not given. This "sound man" told
that in the middle of July 1973, he was changing
a light bulb in Apartment 1505 of the Bunker Hill Towers in
Los Angeles, and found what "he knew to be a listening device".
This "sound man" stated that this apartment had previously
been occupied by members of the DANIEL ELLSBERG defense team.

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for KABO Television, Channel 7, "Eye Witness News", advised that in a conversation with "free lance sound man", immediately prior to August 21, 1974 advised him he found what he thought to be a microphone hidden in a wall electrical outlet in an apartment of the Bunker Hill Towers
during the filming of the movie "The Terminal Man" for
Warner Brothers in July of 1973 informed him that it was located in a bedroom of this apartment also told him that the previous occupant of this apartment was DANIEL ELLSBERG. described the apartment as being a corner apartment on the 15th floor.

went to the Bunker Hill Towers on August 21, 1974, and located this apartment as apartment number 1505.

furnished with a drawing of what. the outlet looked like and it is attached.

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which reflected that DANIEL ELLSBERG occupied Apartment 1505 from December 1, 1972 to June 19, 1973.

and paid for, the following apartments:

Apartment 1304 for MORTON HALPERIN and Defense Attorney NESSON

Apartment 911 for Defense Attorney BOUDIN

Apartment 1116 for female Defense Attorney DONOVAN

Apartment 1641 for Co-Defendent RUSSO

Apartments 1636, 1230, and 1914 for members of the Defense Staff Florence, Sachs, and Sheinbaum, respectively

by Warner Brothers Studio to film scenes of the movie "The Terminal Man" after ELLSBERG moved. He advised that this apartment is currently occupied by

Brothers and these records reflected Apartment 1505 was rented by Warner Brothers from July 21, 1973 to July 31, 1973.

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California, advised that he has been a sound man and is currently working for KABC Television in Los Angeles. He stated that in the latter part of July 1973, he was employed as a sound man for Warner Brothers Studio and they were filming some scenes for the movie "The Terminal Man" in an apartment at the Bunker Hill Towers in Los Angeles. On the first day he discovered a duplex wall outlet in the bedroom, which had a common wall with the living room. He found the upper outlet did not work, but the bottom outlet was operative. He thought it strange at the time because he stated these outlets are connected in parallel and when one is functioning the other should function, conversely when one is inoperative, the other is inoperative.

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In August of 1974, he was working with and related this incident to and furnished him with a drawing of the electrical outlet as he remembered it.

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Hill Towers, was shown the drawing of the electrical outlet which asked if this type of electrical outlet was in use in the Bunker Hill Towers. He stated that this type of outlet was not in use at the Bunker Hill Towers and added he had never seen an outlet that looked like this. He displayed the type of outlet in use at the Bunker Hill Towers and it has a flush back. He stated that he has been employed as at the Bunker Hill Towers

they have always used the same type of outlet.

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December 10, 1974

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DANIEL ELLSBERG - VICTIM
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

Enclosed for the information of the Special Prosecution Force are two copies of a report of our Los Angeles Office dated November 29, 1974. This concludes investigation requested by the Special Prosecution Force and no further action will be taken by this Eureau in the absence of a specific request of the Special Prosecution Force.

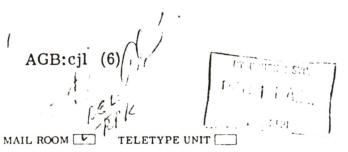
In accordance with the request of the Special Prosecution Force, there are enclosed for the information of the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, the following communications prepared by this Purcau in captioned matter:

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Scptember 16, 1974 October 18, 1974 October 24, 1974 November 29, 1974

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DANIEL ELLSBERG - VICTIM

INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

Title of this communication is marked changed to reflect the title as carried in Bureau airtel 11/4/74.

REFERENCES:

Los Angeles report of SA dated 10/18/74 captioned "DANIEL ELLSBERG - Electronic Suveillance."
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

DANIEL ELLSBERG - VICTIM

Character:

INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis:

advised on 11/8/74 that she viewed Apartment 1505 in the Bunker Hill Towers, Los Angeles, during the filming of a movie in July, 1973. She advised the management she wanted to rent the apartment when it was available and moved into the apartment in September, 1973. She had all the interior walls removed. She stated she had run an electronic sweep on the apartment to be sure there were no microphones in the apartment. _She said found no evidence of microphones advised on 11/8/74 that he conducted an electronic apartment, Number 1505, in sweep on the Bunker Hill lowers in September, 1973. At the time, there were no interior walls in the apartment. He checked all logical areas for microphones and found none. He metered the AC line on electrical plugs located in a counter in the apartment and noted a variation from 115 to 119 volts on the positive side, when measured above 60 cycles. piqued" his curiosity. However, he was never able to locate the source of the variation nor could he reduce it to an intelligent signal. He said there could be many reasons, only one of which would be a microphone. He viewed the drawing made by of the device observed in the bedroom wall of room 1505. He said this depicted a current carrier transmitter which could contain a microphone. said it could only operate if it had access to AC On 11/18/74. Los Angeles, advised he removed

the interior walls in apartment 1505, Bunker Hill Towers, and personally removed the electrical outlets. He stated they were normal electrical outlets and advised he had never seen a device as depicted by

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DETAILS:

was interviewed in She advised that she had viewed Apartment 1505 in the Bunker Hill Towers in July 1973, when Warner Brothers Studio was filming scenes for the movie "The Terminal Man". She liked the apartment and requested the management to rent the apartment to her when it was available. She said she moved into the apartment in September 1973, but prior to this she requested the management to remove all the interior walls. This was done and the apartment currently has no interior walls.

She stated that shortly before or after she moved in, she had trun an electronic sweep to be sure there were no microphones in the apartment. She had this done because of and also because she was aware that DANIEL ELLSBERG previously occupied the apartment. She stated that found no evidence of microphones.

She advised that was formerly a member of the but is retired, and was retired when he conducted the sweep for her.

Interviewed on 11/8/74 of Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 105-27952

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advised that he conducted an electronic sweep of Apartment 1505 Bunker Hill Towers. Los Angeles, California, in September 1973, for He stated that there were no interior walls in the apartment at the time he conducted the sweep. He said he checked all electrical outlets, the telephone, and any other area that might logically contain a microphone and found none. He stated there was a counter which partially separated the kitchen from the rest of the apartment. At either end of the counter there were new electrical plugs. When he metered the AC line on the plugs at the above counter he noted a variation from 115 to 119 volts, on the positive side, when he measured it above 60 cycles. In view of the object of his search this "piqued" his curiosity. He stated, however, he was never able to locate the source of this variation nor could he reduce the variation to an intelligent signal. He stated that there could be many reasons for this variation, only one of which would be a microphone.

The drawing furnished by of the device he observed in the bedroom wall of Apartment 1505 was shown to he stated that this depicted a current carrier transmitter which could contain a microphone. He stated it could operate on low frequency and was a low powered device. He stated that it could only operate if it had access to AC lines. He advised that the monitoring would have to be in that building. He was told that the person who observed it stated that the top plug was not functioning. He termed it a "schlock operation".

he has been engaged in electronic surveillance operations and their detection for 25 years as

He is currently on a contract basis.

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Hill Towers, advised that the walls in apartment 1505 were removed by either the Cantu Construction Company or the Sal Zabaldo Construction Company. He also advised of the variation in voltage noted by and advised that this was not unusual in this particular building.

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Cantu Contractors, Incorporated, 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, reviewed his books for work done at the Bunker Hill Towers and advised that there was no record of any work done in apartment 1505.

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advised removed the interior walls of apartment 1505, Bunker Hill Towers, Los Angeles, on August 19, 1971. He stated that the walls were dry walls constructed with steel studs. He stated the walls were torn out and thrown away. He said the electronic disconnection was done by Jet Electric, 8531 Pickford Street, Los Angeles.

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Street, Los Angeles, advised he did not disconnect the electricity, nor removed the electrical outlets of apartment 1505, Bunker Hill Towers, in August, 1973.

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advised that upon viewing the floor plan of apartment 1505, Bunker Hill Towers, he recalls that he personally disconnected the electricity on the interior walls and removed the electrical outlets. He stated that these electrical outlets were normal electrical outlets. He was shown the drawing made between which depicted what he observed in one of the interior walls of apartment 1505, Bunker Hill Towers. He stated he had never seen such device.

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DATE: September 30, 1974

Memorandum

TO : Clarence M. Kelley

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM

FROM : Henry S. Ruth, Jr.

Deputy Special Prosecutor

Watergate Special Prosecution Force

SUBJECT: Daniel Ellsberg

Reference is made to your memorandum to this office of September 16, 1974, captioned "Daniel Ellsberg." should be interviewed to determine the identity of the "sound man" who allegedly observed a "listening device" in the Los Angeles apartment previously occupied by the Ellsberg defense team. Since is a member of the news media, it is suggested the AUSA Nobles, to whom supplied this information, be requested to contact in order to insure his willingness to provide further information to the FBI.

If identified, the "sound man" referred to by should be interviewed to determine any further information with regard to the precise nature of the alleged "listening device," as well as the location of the apartment in which this device was observed. The Bureau should also determine if the "Ellsberg defense team" did in fact occupy that apartment. If the basic facts alleged by are confirmed by the Bureau's investigation the Bureau should proceed to attempt to locate the "alleged" listening device, and/or any evidence that such a device had been in place. Also, the Bureau should seek to determine any possibility that a "listening post" was set up within the vicinity of the apartment.

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Asst. I'll DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE Memoranaum DATE: October 29, 1974 :Clarence M. Kelley Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Spec. Inv. FROM : Henry S. Ruth, Jr. Ligit Special Prosecutor Watergate Special Prosecution Force SUBJECT: Daniel Ellsberg - Victim of an Alleged Electronic Surveillance On October 24, 1974, Special Agent contacted Assistant Special Prosecutor Frank Martin of this Office concerning this investigation. At that time Mr. Martin advised S.A. in abeyance any interview of and the present occupant of the apartment previously occupied by Mr. Ellsberg. The Bureau should interand continue to follow all logical leads in this investigation. At present there is no evidence that White House personnel or presidential appointees were involved in 11: this matter. Accordingly, it is unclear whether or not the Special Prosecutor's Office will have jurisdiction over this matter. It is, therefore, requested that reports on this investigation also be provided to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division for his information. MOT-13 143/1/37-1/57
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